Release for Public Comment

Draft Natural Resource Damage Restoration Plan for the Lakeland Disposal Landfill, Kosciusko County, Indiana Natural Resource Damage Assessment Settlement

The Natural Resource Co-Trustees representing Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM); Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and Indiana Department of Natural Resources invite public comments on the Draft Natural Resource Damage Restoration Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Settlement associated with the Lakeland Disposal Landfill, Claypool, Kosciusko County, Indiana. The restoration plan outlines general alternatives considered to address injuries to natural resources resulting from the discharge or release of hazardous substances during the operation of the Lakeland Disposal Landfill from 1974-1978. The Trustees have tentatively selected the alternative: Restoration of resources impacted by the site or that will serve as compensation for injured resources through acquisition, rehabilitation and protection of equivalent resources. The alternative would restore the injured resources and the services they provided by increasing the occurrence of and/or enhancing or restoring habitats that will support these services. No specific habitat restoration project or habitat acquisition has been identified at this time.

Written comments on the Restoration Plan can be sent to: Anne Remek Kominowski, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 100 North Senate Avenue N-1307, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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Written comments will be accepted through March 16, 2009.

You can review the Draft Restoration Plan during regular business hours at the Warsaw Community Public Library, 315 E. Center St., Warsaw, IN; at IDEM, Office of Land Quality, 12th floor file room, Indiana Government Center-North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis; Bloomington Field Office, US FWS or anytime at the following IDEM Natural Resource Damages web address: http://www.in.gov/idem/4131.htm

You can also request a copy of the Draft Restoration Plan for the Lakeland Disposal Landfill Natural Resource Damage Assessment Settlement by contacting Anne Remek Kominowski at IDEM's toll free number at 800-451-6027 ext 3-0447, or by email at aremek@idem.in.gov